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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.313 for the above referenced application to be withdrawn from issuance. In accordance with §1.313(c)(2), this petition is being made in order to file a Request for Continued Examination under §1.114. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee of \$130.00 as set forth in §1.17(h) or any other fee occasioned by this paper or any paper accompanying this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320. The Request for Continued Examination is being submitted in

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order to file an additional Information Disclosure Statement and an Amendment, both of which accompany this Petition.

An early and favorable decision on this petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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